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RE: Proposed Senate Bill No. 22¹

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to support the Proposed Bill No. 222: *AN ACT TEMPORARILY REDUCING THE RATES OF THE SALES AND USE TAXES AND THE MEALS TAX* that temporarily reduces the rates of the sales and use taxes and the meals tax to five and ninety-nine-hundredths per cent, effective from passage through December 31, 2022.

Connecticut taxes are among the highest in the country. The recent nearly three years of the Covid pandemic have significantly and negatively impacted individual earnings/income. Additionally, the recent nearly one year rise in food and energy costs has exacerbated an already difficult situation. These tax reductions would provide some relief to all of us and will not negatively impact the contributions to the rainy day fund or our state budget.

Please vote YES and support this important Bill.